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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE, IR, IZ
SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 94202; B. BEIRUT 5588; C. STATE 96645; D. TEHRAN 3453
E. TEHRAN 3582

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIRFENDERESKI SUMMONED DCM TO MFA MAY 29 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN LEBANON (REF E). ALTHOUGH THINGS HAD QUIETED DOWN THERE WAS GOOD POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED CO DLICT BETWEEN FEDAYEEN AND LEBANESE AND MIRFENDERESKI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL ON CONTINGENCY BASIS FOR US AND GOI TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER. IN PARTICULAR HE WISHED KNOW EXACTLY WHAT LEBANESE AND/ OR USG HAD IN MIND AS TO ROLE IRAN COULD PLAY IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON IRAQ TO KEEP IT QUIET DURING ANOTHER LEBANESE- FEDAYEEN CON- FRONTATION.

2. DCM RECALLED THAT IN MENTIONING MATTER OF IRANIAN PRESSURE ON IRAQ TO MIRFENDERESKI LAST WEEK (REF E) USG WAS NOT ASKING IRAN TO PUT PRESSURE ON IRAQ BUT WE THOUGHT GOI SHOULD KNOW OF PROPOSAL THAT LEBANESE HAD MENTIONED TO US IN BEIRUT DURING HEIGHT OF CON- FLICT WITH FEDAYEEN. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, DCM SAID
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HE ASSUMED GOI WOULD KNOW WHAT KIND OF PRESSURE IT
COULD BRING TO BEAR ON IRAQ IN CIRCUMSTANCES. FURTHER,
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR GOI TO EXPLORE EXACTLY WHAT
LEBANESE HAD IN MIND DIRECTLY WITH LEBANESE DURING
FORMER PRESIDENT CHAMOUN' S CURRENT VOIIT TO IRAN.
FINALLY, DCM UNDERTOOK TO REFER MIRFENDERESKI' S QUES-
TION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TO RESPOND TO MIRFENDERESKI' S
QUESTION EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPART-
MENT' S THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY ACTIONS
(PARA 5 REF C).
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